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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 273  
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A RESOLUTION To bestow our heartiest congratulations upon  
Michael H. King, the 2001 Sevier County High  
School Valedictorian.

WHEREAS, The elite group of students who work hard, overcome tremendous pressure, demonstrate academic superiority, and make significant contributions to their respective schools and communities are superb role models, and are thus deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, One of Tennessee's best and brightest young people Michael H. King, was recently named the 2001 Sevier County High School Valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, Despite embracing a rigorous academic schedule, including Honors classes, Mike has maintained an admirable 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, he has also maintained a 4.0 Grade Point Average as a student at Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished scholar was a Finalist in the Hugh O'Brian Outstanding Sophomore contest, received 1998 and 1999 Academic Excellence Awards, was a Duke University Talent Search Finalist, and participated in the Maryville College Regional Mathematics Competition; and

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WHEREAS, A marvelous example of a very talented student-athlete, Mike has been a valued letterman on the school's football, track, and wrestling teams. The 1999 Sevier County football team won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed his time and leadership to the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, and Interact; and

WHEREAS, Mike evinces his abiding Christian faith as a member of the Sevierville First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, he has worked as a Sales Associate with the local Polo Ralph Lauren Store; his employers and fellow workers have been highly complimentary of his extraordinary work ethic, diligence and dedication; and

WHEREAS, In 1999 and 2000, Mike served an internship with District Attorney General Al Schmutzer, Jr., assisting the victim witness coordinator, and participating in criminal investigations and case preparation; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, he served an internship with General Sessions Court Judges Jeff D. Rader and Dwight E. Stokes, assisting the judges and the juvenile court staff in the preparation of cases; and

WHEREAS, His supportive parents, Harold R. King and Patricia A. King, are naturally very proud of their son and his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this fine example of American youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we specially recognize and congratulate Michael H. King on his selection as the 2001 Sevier County High School Valedictorian and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.